

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOPEDALE

Name of City or Town

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Date Received	
Application No.	
Parcel Id.	

BLIND - VETERAN
FISCAL YEAR APPLICATION FOR STATUTORY EXEMPTION
General Laws Chapter 59 §5

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION
(See General Laws Chapter 59 §60)

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Return to:
Board of Assessors
74 Hopedale St.
Hopedale, MA 01747

Must be filed with assessors on or before December 15
or 3 months after actual (not preliminary) tax bills are
mailed for fiscal year if later.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following. Please print or type.

A. IDENTIFICATION. Complete this section fully.

Name of Applicant: _____	Marital Status: _____
Social Security No. _____ (optional)	Phone Number: () _____
Legal Residence (Domicile) on July 1, 2007	Mailing Address (If different)
No. _____ Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip Code _____	
Location of Property: _____	No. of Dwelling Units: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Did you own the property on July 1, 2007? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, were you: Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Co-owner with Spouse Only <input type="checkbox"/> Co-owner with Others <input type="checkbox"/>	
Was the property subject to a trust as of July 1, 2007? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please attach trust instrument including all schedules.	
Have you been granted any exemption in any other city or town (MA or other) for this year? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, name of city or town _____ Amount exempted \$ _____	

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY)

Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> GRANTED <input type="checkbox"/>	Assessed Tax \$ _____
Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	Exempted Tax \$ _____
Status <input type="checkbox"/> DEEMED DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	Adjusted Tax \$ _____
Income <input type="checkbox"/>	
Assets <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date Voted/Deemed Denied _____	Board of Assessors _____
Certificate No. _____	_____
Date Cert./Notice Sent _____	_____
Exemption: Clause _____	Date _____

FILING THIS FORM DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR TAXES
THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

B. EXEMPTION STATUS. Check the status that applies to you and complete the questions that follow.

☐ **BLIND PERSON**

Were you legally blind as of July 1, 2007 Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you registered with Mass. Commission for the Blind? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, give Certificate Number _____ Date Registered _____ Attach copy of certificate.

If no, attach a letter from your doctor indicating status as of July 1.

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☐ **VETERAN**

☐ **VETERAN'S SPOUSE**

Veteran's Name _____

☐ **VETERAN'S SURVIVING SPOUSE/PARENT**

Deceased Veteran's Name _____

If first year of application, attach copy of death certificate.

If you are surviving spouse, have you remarried? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date Enlisted/Inducted _____ Date Discharged _____

Type of Discharge _____ If first year of application, attach copy of discharge papers.

Military Decoration Awards _____

Did the veteran live in Massachusetts at least 6 months before entering the service? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, list places and dates where the veteran was domiciled during the last 6 years. (2 years if local option adopted- See Assessors)

Address

Dates

Was the veteran killed during military service? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, date of death _____

Does the veteran have a service-connected disability? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes and first year of application, attach Certificate of Disability from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or branch of service.

If yes and exemption granted previously, attach certificate only if disability rating is 100% or has changed.

Has the veteran acquired "special adapted housing?" Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the veteran currently working? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, when did veteran last work? _____

Is the veteran a paraplegic? Yes ☐ No ☐

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C. SIGNATURE. Sign here to complete the application.

This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this return and all accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and complete.

Signature

Date

If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS. You may be eligible to reduce all or a portion of the taxes assessed on your domicile if you meet the qualifications for one of the personal exemptions allowed under Massachusetts law. Qualifications vary, but generally relate to age, ownership, residency, disability, income or assets.

You may be eligible for an exemption if you fall into any of these categories:

- Blind
- Veteran with a service-connected disability
- Surviving spouse
- Minor child of deceased parent
- Senior citizen age 70 and older (65 and older by local option)
- Hopedale has adopted local option of 65 years of age or older

More detailed information about the qualifications for each exemption may be obtained from your board of assessors.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION. You may file an application if you meet all qualifications for a personal exemption as of July 1. You may also apply if you are the administrator or executor of a person who qualified for a personal exemption on July 1.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED. Your application must be filed with the Board of Assessors by December 15 or 3 months after the actual bills were mailed for the fiscal year, whichever is later. An application is filed when (1) received by the assessors on or before the filing deadline, or (2) mailed by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the proper address of the assessors, on or before the filing deadline, as shown by a postmark made by the United States Postal Service. **THIS DEADLINE CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN EXEMPTION AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE.**

PAYMENT OF TAX. Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay the tax when due to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an exemption is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as exempted, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION. Upon applying for an exemption, you may be required to provide the assessors with further information and supporting documentation to establish your eligibility. The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an exemption has been granted or denied.

APPEAL. You may appeal the disposition of your application. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.
